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SUBJECT: MEXICO DEPARTMENT FISHERIES CONCERNED ABOUT  
STATUS US-MEXICO FISHERIES

1. DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT FISHERIES OFFICIALS DIS-  
CLOSED AREAS OF DISCORD WITH US POSITION AS FOLLOWS:

A. US-MEXICO GIFA SITUATION DISCOURAGING IN THAT  
APPARENTLY RATIFICATION WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL  
AFTER CONGRESS RECONVENES IN JANUARY 1978 WHICH  
CREATES UNDUE COMPLICATIONS IN MEXICO'S PENDING  
JOINT VENTURES WITH FOREIGN PARTNERS. EXAMPLE IS  
CASE OF SQUID FISHERY OFF ATLANTIC COAST. QUOTA  
FOR MEXICO TO BE 3,000 TONS HOWEVER, FISHING SEA-  
SON IS WINTER. BY MARCH, EARLIEST MEXICO CAN FISH,  
THE SQUID FISHERY IS ALREADY ENDED. FOR THE 1977  
FISHERY THE 60 DAY GIFA WAITING PERIOD WAS WAIVED  
BY CONGRESS FOR SIX NATIONS INCLUDING USSR, EAST  
GERMANY, BULGARIA, RUMANIA, POLAND AND TAIWAN.  
MEXICO WOULD EXPECT AT LEAST SAME PREFERENTIAL  
TREATMENT AND GET GIFA RATIFIED BEFORE RECESS.

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B. INTERAMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC)  
NEEDS TO BE CHANGED TO CONFORM WITH PRESENT WORLD  
TRENDS IN RIGHTS OVER COASTAL RESOURCES OUT TO 200  
MILES. U.S. RELUCTANT TO TACKLE ISSUE OF NEGOTIATING  
NEW TREATY. SEPTEMBER 5 DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES  
CHIEF RAFFUL PUBLICLY STATED GOM WOULD ASK 50  
THOUSAND TONS FOR THEIR 1978 QUOTA. IF NOT GRANTED

GOM WOULD DENOUNCE IATTC.

C. TRANSFER OF U.S. TUNA VESSELS TO MEXICO MADE IMPOSSIBLE BY MARAD RULING AND REQUIREMENTS OF HIGH BONDING. DEPARTMENT FISHERIES CLAIMS GOM WILLING TO ARRANGE FOR U.S. TUNA VESSELS OR OTHER FISHING VESSELS OPERATE OUT OF MEXICAN PORTS WITHOUT HAVING TO CHANGE FLAG. THIS TO BE DONE THROUGH JOINT VENTURE DEALS.

D. DEPARTMENT FISHERIES OFFICIALS WILLING TO MEET WITH STATE AND NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE AT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE AND AIR PROBLEMS INDICATED ABOVE. DEPARTMENT FISHERIES BELIEVE SUCH MEETING WOULD DISPEL PRESENT CLOUD IN FISHERIES RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING GULF OF MEXICO SHRIMP ALLOCATIONS. LUCEY

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